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## Request for Waiver

Billed Entity Number: 152986 471 Application Number: 415649

Funding Request Numbers: 1142892, 1143002, 1196054, 1196318

Chairman Michael K. Powell,

This is a request for waiver of deadline for the form 471 filing window occurring February 4, 2004. This waiver is being sought because the SLD is unable to waive the deadline, the circumstances causing the denial could not be avoided even with careful planning, and a deviation from the rules would serve the public interest in this case.

The situation from which the denial arose has been related to the SLD, but the major points in brief:

- 1. The staff member filing the E-rate for the Campbell County Public Library had not filed these forms in previous years.
- 2. The 471 was filed on-line, in a timely manner as required under the E-rate regulations.
- 3. The staff of the Campbell County Public Library was unable to print the signature pages/certification form, in spite of due diligence and the utilization of equipment and networks regularly maintained. The problem prohibiting the printing of the form could not be ascertained.
- 4. Finally, on February 9, 2004 the staff was able to print and submit the form 471 certification form.
- 5. With the Form 471 having been filed on-line in a timely manner and there being no obvious benefit to the public interest in the funding request being denied, the library assumed that the certification form would be accepted.

We are requesting a waiver of the deadline in this instance, due to the following facts:

- 1. The form 471 was filed on-line in a timely fashion. This is not disputed by the SLD.
- 2. The library staff utilized careful planning in utilizing a well maintained computer workstation and network. Technological glitches cannot always be anticipated.



- 3. The 471 certification page was completed and submitted at the earliest possible instance, when functional facilities became available.
- 4. The Campbell County Public Library is heavily dependent upon E-rate funding to provide clientele with the services they require. No possible public interest can be served from taking this punitive action against the library and the citizens it serves.
- 5. A deviation from the rules would clearly serve the public interest, allowing the continuation of services envisioned when the **Telecommunications Act of 1996** was enacted and furthering the will of the congress as expressed in this act.

We feel that we have clearly established cause for waver, as outlined in the SLD regulations regarding the filing of appeal to the FCC for waiver of deadline. We look forward to the FCC's decision this matter.

If I can provide further information or be of any assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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